

1986 U.S. Open (golf)

The **1986 U.S. Open** was the 86th U.S. Open, held June 12–15 at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Shinnecock Hills, New York. Raymond Floyd won his fourth and final major, two strokes ahead of runners-up Chip Beck and Lanny Wadkins.^[4] It was Floyd's only U.S. Open title and he became its oldest winner, a record he held for four years.

The opening round on Thursday had high winds with occasional heavy rain; the best score was Bob Tway's even-par 70, with Greg Norman a stroke behind.^[5]^[6] Norman led after 36 holes,^[7] and took the lead into the final round, a stroke ahead of Lee Trevino and Hal Sutton,^[8] but a 75 dropped him back six strokes to twelfth place.^[9]^[10] Norman led each of the four major championships in 1986 after 54 holes, but won just once, at the British Open.

During the final round, ten players either led or shared the lead;^[11] after Floyd birdied the par-3 11th, he was part of a nine-way tie for first.^[12] Floyd began the round three strokes back and separated himself from the pack with a bogey-free 66.^[10] After the birdie at 11, he saved par at 12, then recorded another birdie at 13 to tie for the lead. Floyd took sole possession of the lead after the 14th, then added another birdie at the 16th.^[13] After finishing his round, he was two strokes ahead of his closest pursuers: Wadkins and Beck both shot 65 to climb the leaderboard and shared second place.^[11] They tied the course record, set earlier in the day by Mark Calcavecchia.^[14]

With the win, Floyd became the oldest winner of the U.S. Open at 43 years and 284 days,^[15] surpassing the long-standing record of Ted Ray from 1920 by several months (Julius Boros was also 43 in 1963). It was Floyd's fourth and final major championship, and he only won twice more in his career. At age 46, Masters champion Jack Nicklaus overcame an opening round 77 and tied for eighth, his last top-ten finish at the U.S. Open.^[12] Hale Irwin won his third U.S. Open at age 45 in 1990 in a playoff and remains the oldest champion; in 1986, he was the only former champion in the field to miss the cut. Boros remains the oldest winner of a modern major; 48 at the PGA Championship in 1968.

Entering this championship, Floyd had played in 21 U.S. Opens and had only two finishes in the top ten. His best result was a tie for sixth in 1965; he finished eighth in 1971, fifteen years earlier. His winner's share in 1986 was more than double his previous career earnings at the U.S. Open.^[15]

It was the second U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, which previously hosted 90 years earlier in 1896. The championship returned in 1995, 2004, and 2018.

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Tournament information	
Dates	June 12–15, 1986
Location	Shinnecock Hills, New York
Course(s)	Shinnecock Hills Golf Club
Organized by	USGA
Tour(s)	PGA Tour
Statistics	
Par	70
Length	6,912 yards (6,320 m) ^[1] ^[2]
Field	155 players, 70 after cut
Cut	150 (+10) ^[3]
Prize fund	\$700,000
Winner's share	\$115,000
Champion	
 Raymond Floyd	
279 (−1)	



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Course layout

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	394	226	453	408	535	471	188	367	447	3,489	409	158	472	377	444	397	544	172	450	3,423	6,912
Par	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	35	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	35	70

Source:^[1]^[2]


Past champions in the field

Made the cut

Player	Country	Year(s) won	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	To par	Finish
Lee Trevino	 United States	1968 , 1971	74	68	69	71	282	+2	T4
Jack Nicklaus	 United States	1962 , 1967 , 1972 , 1980	77	72	67	68	284	+4	T8
Fuzzy Zoeller	 United States	1984	75	74	71	68	288	+8	T15
David Graham	 Australia	1981	76	71	69	72	288	+8	T15
Tom Watson	 United States	1982	72	71	71	75	289	+9	T24
Larry Nelson	 United States	1983	75	73	70	73	291	+11	T35
Johnny Miller	 United States	1973	76	72	71	74	293	+13	T45
Hubert Green	 United States	1977	75	75	75	71	296	+16	T55
Andy North	 United States	1978 , 1985	79	71	77	75	302	+22	67

Source:^[3]^[4]

Missed the cut

Player	Country	Years won	R1	R2	Total	To par
Hale Irwin	 United States	1974 , 1979	77	74	151	+11

Source:^[7]

Round summaries

First round

Thursday, June 12, 1986

Place	Player	Country	Score	To par
1	Bob Tway	 United States	70	E
2	Greg Norman	 Australia	71	+1
T3	Rick Fehr	 United States	72	+2
	David Frost	 South Africa		
	Kenny Knox	 United States		
	Tsuneyuki Nakajima	 Japan		
	Denis Watson	 Zimbabwe		
	Tom Watson	 United States		
T9	Gary Koch	 United States	73	+3
	Bob Lohr	 United States		
	Jodie Mudd	 United States		

Source:^[5]^[6]

Second round

Friday, June 13, 1986

Place	Player	Country	Score	To par
1	<u>Greg Norman</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	71-68=139	−1
T2	<u>Lee Trevino</u>	 <u>United States</u>	74-68=142	+2
	<u>Denis Watson</u>	 <u>Zimbabwe</u>	72-70=142	
T4	<u>Raymond Floyd</u>	 <u>United States</u>	75-68=143	+3
	<u>Bob Tway</u>	 <u>United States</u>	70-73=143	
	<u>Tom Watson</u>	 <u>United States</u>	72-71=143	
T7	<u>David Frost</u>	 <u>South Africa</u>	72-72=144	+4
	<u>Bernhard Langer</u>	 <u>West Germany</u>	74-70=144	
	<u>Tsuneyuki Nakajima</u>	 <u>Japan</u>	72-72=144	
	<u>Mac O'Grady</u>	 <u>United States</u>	75-69=144	
	<u>Payne Stewart</u>	 <u>United States</u>	76-68=144	
	<u>Bobby Wadkins</u>	 <u>United States</u>	75-69=144	
	<u>Lanny Wadkins</u>	 <u>United States</u>	74-70=144	

Source:^[7]

Amateurs: Randolph (+10), Fleming (+11), Watts (+17), Lewis (+22), Daly (+24)

Third round

Saturday, June 14, 1986

Place	Player	Country	Score	To par
1	<u>Greg Norman</u>	 <u>Australia</u>	71-68-71=210	E
T2	<u>Hal Sutton</u>	 <u>United States</u>	75-70-66=211	+1
	<u>Lee Trevino</u>	 <u>United States</u>	74-68-69=211	
4	<u>Bob Tway</u>	 <u>United States</u>	70-73-69=212	+2
T5	<u>Raymond Floyd</u>	 <u>United States</u>	75-68-70=213	+3
	<u>Mark McCumber</u>	 <u>United States</u>	74-71-68=213	
	<u>Mike Reid</u>	 <u>United States</u>	74-73-66=213	
	<u>Payne Stewart</u>	 <u>United States</u>	76-68-69=213	
	<u>Denis Watson</u>	 <u>Zimbabwe</u>	72-70-71=213	
T10	<u>Lennie Clements</u>	 <u>United States</u>	75-72-67=214	+4
	<u>Ben Crenshaw</u>	 <u>United States</u>	76-69-69=214	
	<u>Bernhard Langer</u>	 <u>West Germany</u>	74-70-70=214	
	<u>Scott Verplank</u>	 <u>United States</u>	75-72-67=214	
	<u>Tom Watson</u>	 <u>United States</u>	72-71-71=214	

Source:^[8]

Final round

Sunday, June 15, 1986

Place	Player	Country	Score	To par	Money (\$)
1	Raymond Floyd	United States	75-68-70-66=279	−1	115,000
T2	Chip Beck	United States	75-73-68-65=281	+1	47,646
	Lanny Wadkins	United States	74-70-72-65=281		
T4	Hal Sutton	United States	75-70-66-71=282	+2	26,269
	Lee Trevino	United States	74-68-69-71=282		
T6	Ben Crenshaw	United States	76-69-69-69=283	+3	19,009
	Payne Stewart	United States	76-68-69-70=283		
T8	Bernhard Langer	West Germany	74-70-70-70=284	+4	14,500
	Mark McCumber	United States	74-71-68-71=284		
	Jack Nicklaus	United States	77-72-67-68=284		
	Bob Tway	United States	70-73-69-72=284		

Source:^[3]^[4]
Amateur: Randolph (+11).

Scorecard

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	4
Floyd	+3	+3	+3	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+1	+1	E	E	E	−1	−1	−1
Beck	+6	+6	+6	+5	+6	+7	+6	+6	+6	+5	+4	+3	+2	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1
Wadkins	+6	+5	+5	+5	+5	+5	+5	+5	+5	+5	+4	+4	+4	+3	+2	+1	+1	+1
Sutton	E	E	E	+1	E	+1	+1	+1	E	E	E	+1	+1	+1	+2	+2	+2	+2
Trevino	E	E	+1	+1	E	+1	+1	+1	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+3	+3	+2	+2	+2
Norman	E	E	+1	+1	+1	+2	+1	+1	+2	+3	+4	+4	+5	+4	+5	+5	+5	+5

Cumulative tournament scores, relative to par

	Birdie	Bogey
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Source:^[16]^[17]

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